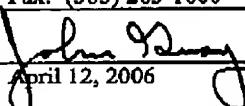


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Applicant hereby requests formal review of the October 12, 2005, final office action (part of paper no./mail date 20050929), because the Examiner fails to identify the presence of essential elements required to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness.

This paper is being filed concurrently with a Notice of Appeal and the requisite fee, as required in the guidelines for the New Pre-Appeal Brief Conference Pilot Program published in the July 12, 2005, Official Gazette Notice.

The final office action, at pages 3-11, includes a single rejection of all pending claims 1-3, 5-13, 15-16, 18-21 and 23-45 under Section 103, as allegedly being obvious over the Bay-Wei Chang paper: "In-Place Editing of Web Pages: Sparrow Community-Shared Documents" (hereinafter, "Chang") in view of newly applied Giljum et al. patent (U.S. Patent No. 6,745,238). The rejection is believed improper because the applied documents fail to teach or suggest the combinations of features set forth in each of the independent claims, and hence also in the dependent claims.

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The present invention is broadly encompassed by Applicant's representative independent claims (see pages 2-8 of the Amendment dated July 27, 2005, for a complete listing of the pending claims). For example, claim 1 recites:

A group-editable web page editing system comprising:
an element selection device that selects a portion of an electronic document, wherein the selected portion includes at least one of template information or formatting information stored within the electronic document;
an editing device that determines an edit user interface and allows editing of the selected portion through the edit user interface, wherein the edit user interface allows editing of at least one of the template information or the formatting information of the selected portion; and
an updating device that replaces the selected portion with the edited portion.

Similar features are set forth in Applicant's independent claims 12 and 20 in the context of processes. In the office action, the examiner acknowledges that the Chang document fails to teach the claimed features of "an element selection device that selects a portion of an electronic document, wherein the selected portion includes at least one of template information or ...," but that the Giljum patent allegedly teaches this feature in column 11, line 55 through column 13, line 30 and in Figures 11 and 38 (see, page 4 of the action, starting at line 4). It is respectfully submitted, however, that Giljum does not teach or suggest the features of independent claims 1, 12 and 20 admittedly missing in Chang.

The Giljum patent is directed to a "self-service system" allowing users to add items to a Web Site by way of a number of "panels" displayed on the user's browser (see, column 1, line 66 to column 2, line 14). According to Giljum, the entire system is resident in a "Web Site Database," which is located at a central server. In column 5, lines 8-17, Giljum describes the Web Site Database, as follows:

The Web Site Database has a built-in structure for organizing, classifying and cross-referencing items in a web site. The Web Site Database of the present invention enables the creation of a taxonomy for the classification and organization of site content. In prior art web site design, the smallest component is a page. A page consists of an assortment of links, images and text. In the Web Site Database, the smallest component is an item. For this embodiment, pages are dynamically generated, and collections of items are displayed.

According to Giljum, an authorized user is allowed to edit the site by selecting an "edit" icon (e.g., see Figure 8, the upper right-hand corner) on the home page of the Web Site. When selecting this icon, the user is presented with a panel, which allows the user to further select a particular type of editor, such as a "style editor" (see Figure 9). Starting at

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line 55 of column 11, Giljum describes that a user can select the style editor to define a style for either the entire Web Site or for individual folders (see, column 12, lines 2-3). In column 18, line 60 to column 19, line 13, Giljum describes how a user may select a particular style (e.g., font, color etc.) for a particular folder through the Web Site Database.

However, contrary to the present invention, the Giljum patent neither discloses nor suggests storing editable template information or formatting information within the electronic document. Rather, in Figure 3, Giljum shows folders that are linked to various tables stored in the Web Site Database, such as a "style table 350" (see, column 7, lines 1-17). Hence, the Giljum patent does not teach or suggest claimed features including the selection of a portion of an electronic document, "wherein the selected portion includes at least one of template information or formatting information stored within the electronic document ... the edit user interface allows editing of at least one of the template information or the formatting information of the selected portion ..." as recited in each of the pending independent claims. To the contrary, the Giljum system appears to keeps editable templates and formatting information separate from the folders (i.e., "electronic documents") including the content.

Additionally, the Giljum patent also appears to teach that item content is stored in the database as well. For example, column 5, lines 37-40 suggests that pages are being computed upon request, using data in the database. Likewise, column 6, lines 59-61 of Giljum discloses that the system uploads the item to the database if necessary. Thus, there is no suggestion in Giljum to store editable template or formatting information within an electronic document as claimed. Because the Giljum system does not describe, imply or suggest storing editable information including template information or formatting information within the electronic document, and instead teaches to store such information in different areas of a database (i.e., linked tables in the database), Giljum cannot be reasonably considered to teach or suggest each and every feature recited in the pending claims, as well as the advantageous features facilitated by the present invention.

The present invention, therefore, discloses a novel and non-obvious approach to editing, for example, *formatting information* and *template information* in a self-contained group-writable Web page even while users can be updating the content elements of the page. For example, referring to Fig. 1 of the present application, if a user desires to edit *one or more templates* stored within a web page, the user initiates a template edit mode, in which a template edit device, in cooperation with an element selection device, parses the web page to

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determine the one or more templates in use, and creates and forwards a temporary web page to a browser, which allows for editing of the template (e.g., see page 7, line 26, to page 8, line 8). The template edit device may then update each item on the page associated with the edited template, temporarily save the web page, and update the web server (e.g., see page 8, lines 21-24).

In a further described example of the invention, a user can edit the *formatting characteristics* of the page in the page edit mode, which is initiated in response to a user request with the aid of an editing device. For instance, a page edit device, in cooperation with an element selection device and a placeholder determination device, parses the web page and replaces the suppressed items with placeholder identifications in a temporary page. Next, the element selection device selects the non-placeholder information, defining, for example, the global characteristics of the web page, and a user interface determination device, in cooperation with the page edit device, then assembles a page edit user interface having an edit area defined for each non-placeholder portion. A user is then allowed to perform edits on the remaining HTML. The page edit device then deletes the old non-placeholder portions and replaces them with the updated non-placeholder portions. Each item associated with the updated non-placeholder portions are then updated, the web page is saved to a temporary file, and the web server is updated (e.g., see page 8, line 25, to page 9, line 23).

Thus, the group-editable Web pages of the present invention can store the data items in the Web page as well as editable template and formatting information. The page is self-contained in this way in a group-writable document. Therefore, there is no need for a database, such as in the Giljum system, and its related software and administration costs. Additionally, the present invention allows for persistent Web pages. That is, they can be stored, sent by e-mail, moved from one server to another, while maintaining their data, and can be edited modified with new templates and formats so they can be used for new purposes.

For all these reasons, the applied combination of the Chang and Giljum documents does not teach or suggest each and every feature set forth in Applicant's independent claims 1, 12 and 20, and therefore also in the dependent claims. Therefore, the Office has failed to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness. Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Finally, Applicant notes that on page 2, section 4 of the office action, the Examiner states:

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Regarding to Applicant's arguments directed toward the un-amended claims (i.e. dependent claims 2-3, 7-11, 13, 16, 18-19 and 28-31). It is noted, that Chang in view of Ferrel and further in view of Ken Pier, fairly teach and/or suggest the claims' limitations.

This forgoing statements appear inappropriate because the Examiner has withdrawn the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based on the Chang, Ferrel and Ken Pier documents.

Applicant respectfully traverses any implication by the Examiner that a *prima facie* case of obviousness is established. If the Examiner believes the rejections based on the Chang and Ferrel documents are proper, he should have maintained them and given Applicant the opportunity to address the Examiner's contention. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Applicant's previous arguments have overcome the Examiner's rejection of claims 2-3, 7-11, 13, 16, 18-19 and 28-31 in view of any combination of Chang, Ferrel, and Ken Pier, and that the rejections have been reconsidered and withdrawn by the Examiner. Further, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner's conclusory statements be formally withdrawn.

In view of all of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and prompt notification of the same is earnestly sought.

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